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Monagan Bill Would Create Unit To Supplant CIA Aid

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John S. Monagan, D-Conn., Wednesday proposed the establishment of a federally chartered independent corporation to set up a viable substitute for the Central Intelligence Agency to provide sponsorship and support to American citizens "who are eager to combat the Communists on their own grounds and who are highly capable of doing so."

Monagan, a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and a senior member of the Connecticut delegation, introduced legislation providing for the creation of the American International Cultural and Educational Council.

He said the purpose of the legislation is "to provide a viable substitute for the Central Intelligence Agency in its role as a clandestine supporter of educational, labor, student and other units who bore the brunt of de-

fending the society of the United States and our institutions throughout the world."

Monagan, who has been working on the legislation since last month, when it was revealed that Central Intelligence Agency funds had been used in international programs by American student, labor and other groups, said the proposed American International Cultural and Educational Council "will give open support to organizations which through their inherent worth will symbolize democratic values and will gain support throughout the world for these values through direct confrontation and competition with similar Communist groups."

Monagan in a House speech in support of his bill said, "it would be fervently hoped" that the expenses of the corporation would be met from private funds which would be tax deductible. In the event private funds were not received in sufficient amount he said, the bill provides authorization for appropriations by the Congress.

"Thus," he said, "while there could be some governmental support, at least it would be open and its extent would be known."